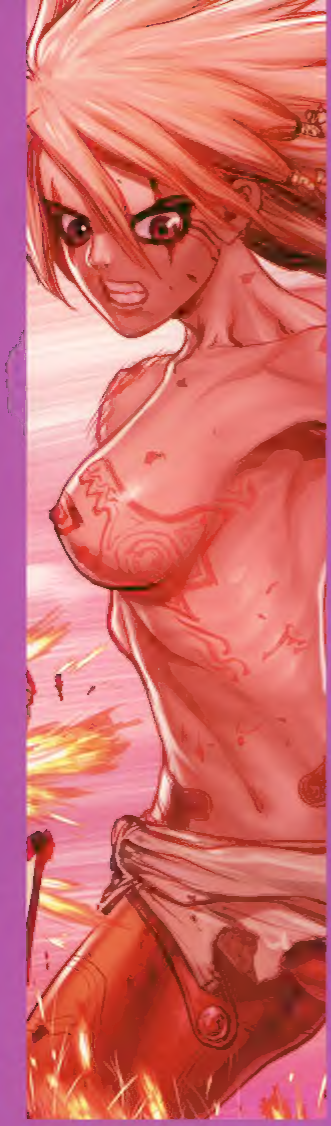

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Boichi

Story

"Diadem" is a word that has its root in Greek. "Stephanos," which appeared in "Mandala" 01, was also a "crown." It seems that we could consider this the second work in a continuing series of shorts that should perhaps be called a "Crown series."

The previous work, "Stephanos," was a black and white composition, but this time the author challenged himself to a vivid and replete all-color work. Completely different from a cool and oppressive monochrome composition, he has made a work that reminds us of a gorgeous and brilliant film.

Boichi continues his sprint with furious speed, without stopping for one second, since his debut into the world of Japanese manga. Please fully enjoy his world.

Boichi Korea

Profile

Boichi (Korea)
http://boichi.com

Born 1973, in Korea.

Intended to be a manga artist from his childhood days, majored in physics in college as preparation to draw science fiction works, and also in order to learn the technology of performance and imaging, went on to graduate school to major in image technology.

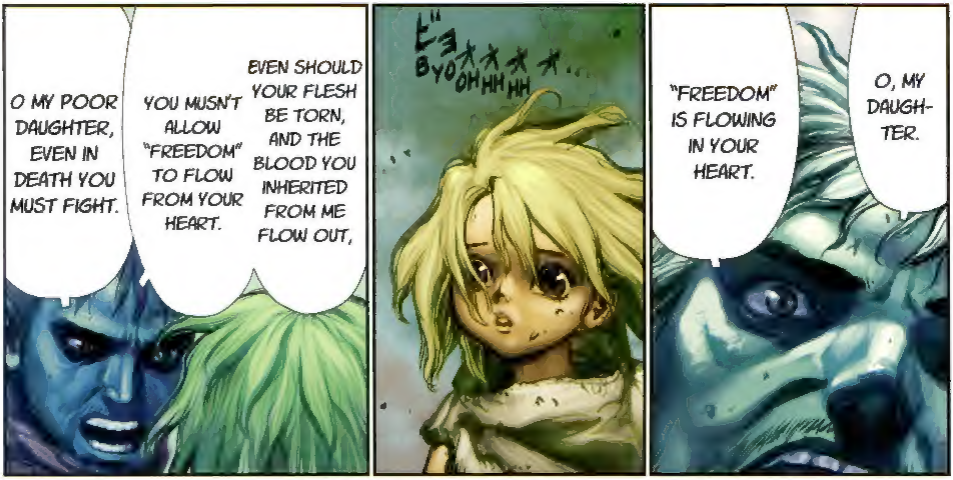
In 1993, while still enrolled, debuted in a Korean manga magazine with shoujo manga. Since, he is gaining popularity releasing a number of works, and publishing books on how to draw manga targeted toward boys and girls.

From 2004 on, he has stepped into the world of Japanese manga. His **"Ultimate Space Emperor Caesar,"** serialized in Monthly **"Comic Gum,"** was his first tankobon in Japan. Currently he is serializing **"Sun-Ken Rock"** in Young King.

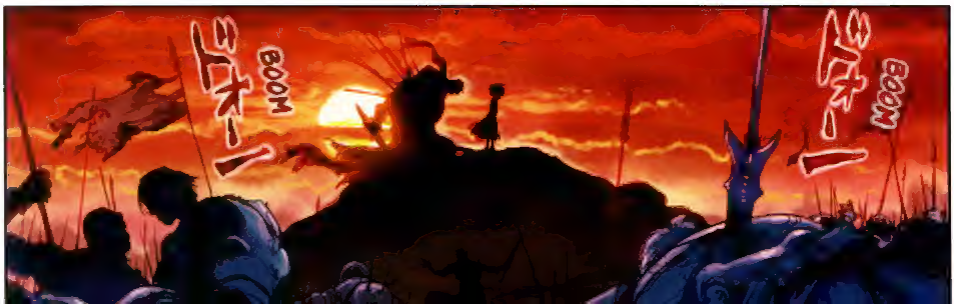
In 2006, he released two complete science fiction works, **"Hotel"** and **"Present"** in **"Morning,"** and plans to begin his first weekly serial from 2008.

His hobbies are cameras and cuisine.

YOUNG LILITH TURNS HER EAR TO HER FATHER'S FINAL WORDS.
IN A LAND WHERE THE WEST WIND WASHES AWAY THE STENCH OF BLOOD,
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM


O MY POOR DAUGHTER, EVEN IN DEATH YOU MUST FIGHT.
YOU MUSN'T ALLOW "FREEDOM" TO FLOW FROM YOUR HEART.
EVEN SHOULD YOUR FLESH BE TORN, AND THE BLOOD YOU INHERITED FROM ME FLOW OUT,
ヒョオオオオオ…
"FREEDOM" IS FLOWING IN YOUR HEART.
O, MY DAUGHTER.

ヒョオオオオオ
"THE GODDESS OF THE NORTH WIND" WILL GRANT YOU FREEDOM.
IF YOU DO THIS, SOMEDAY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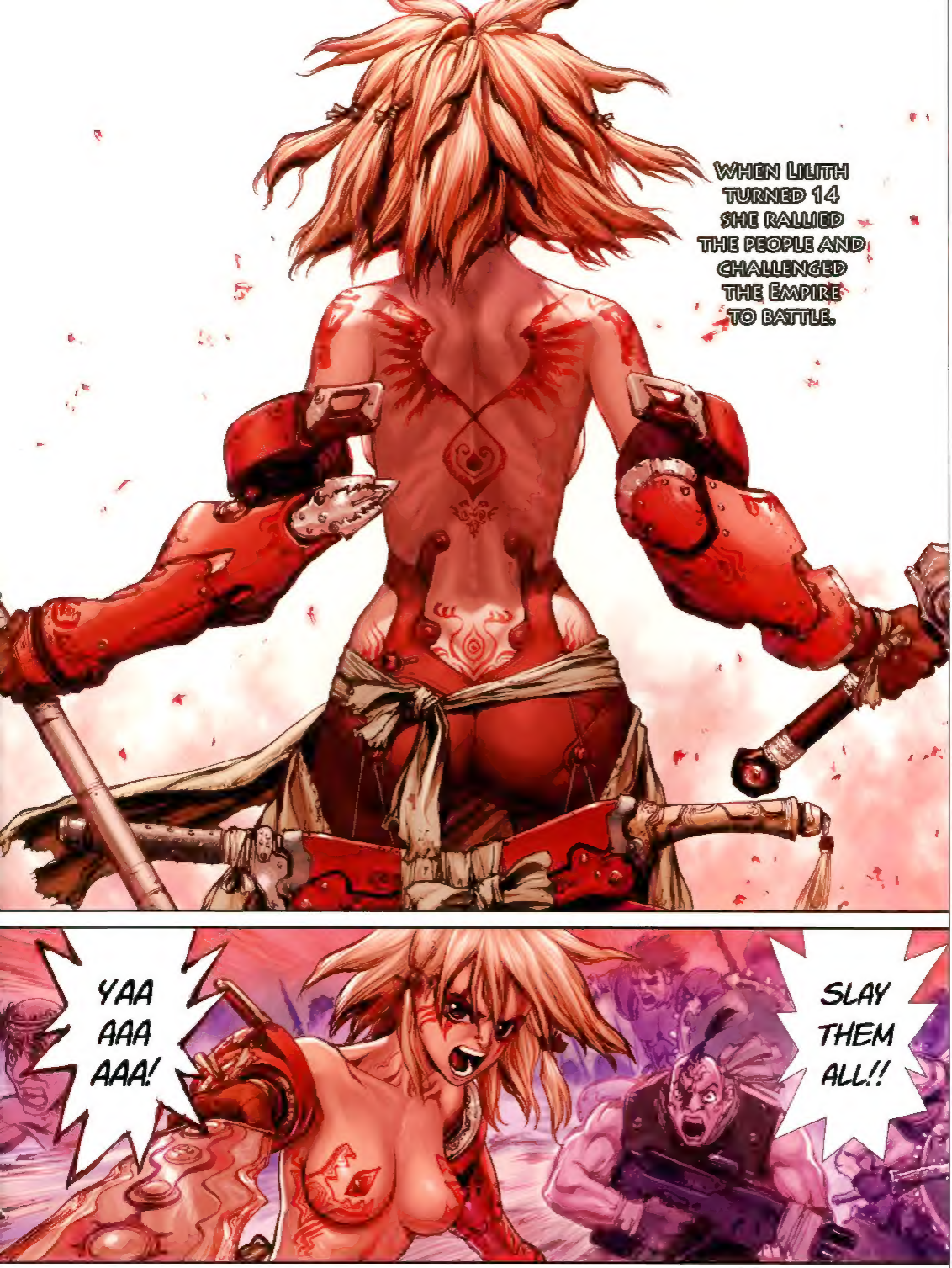
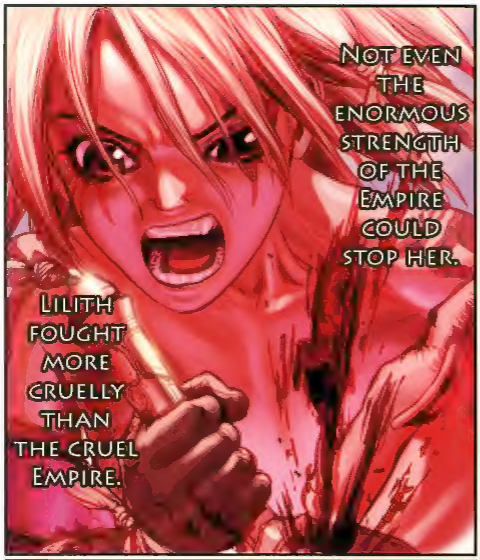
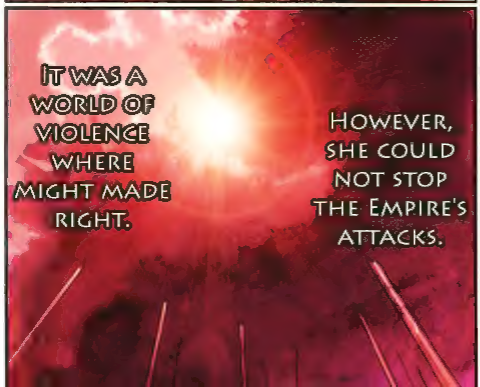
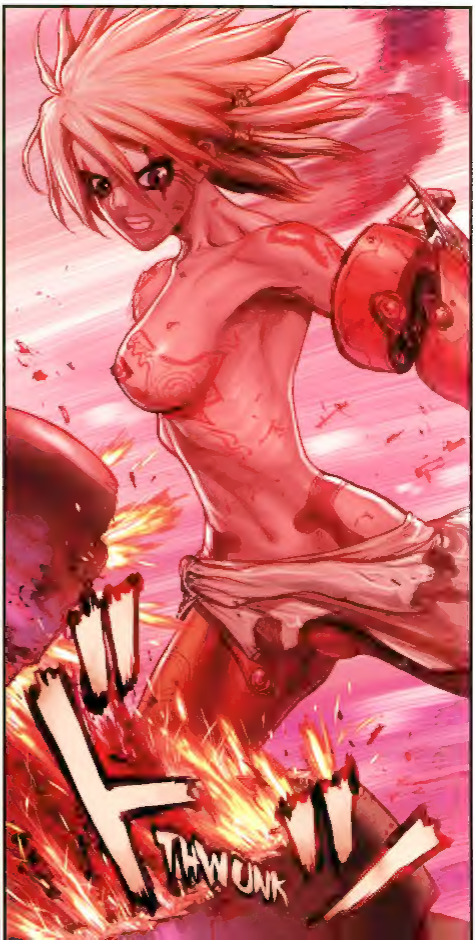
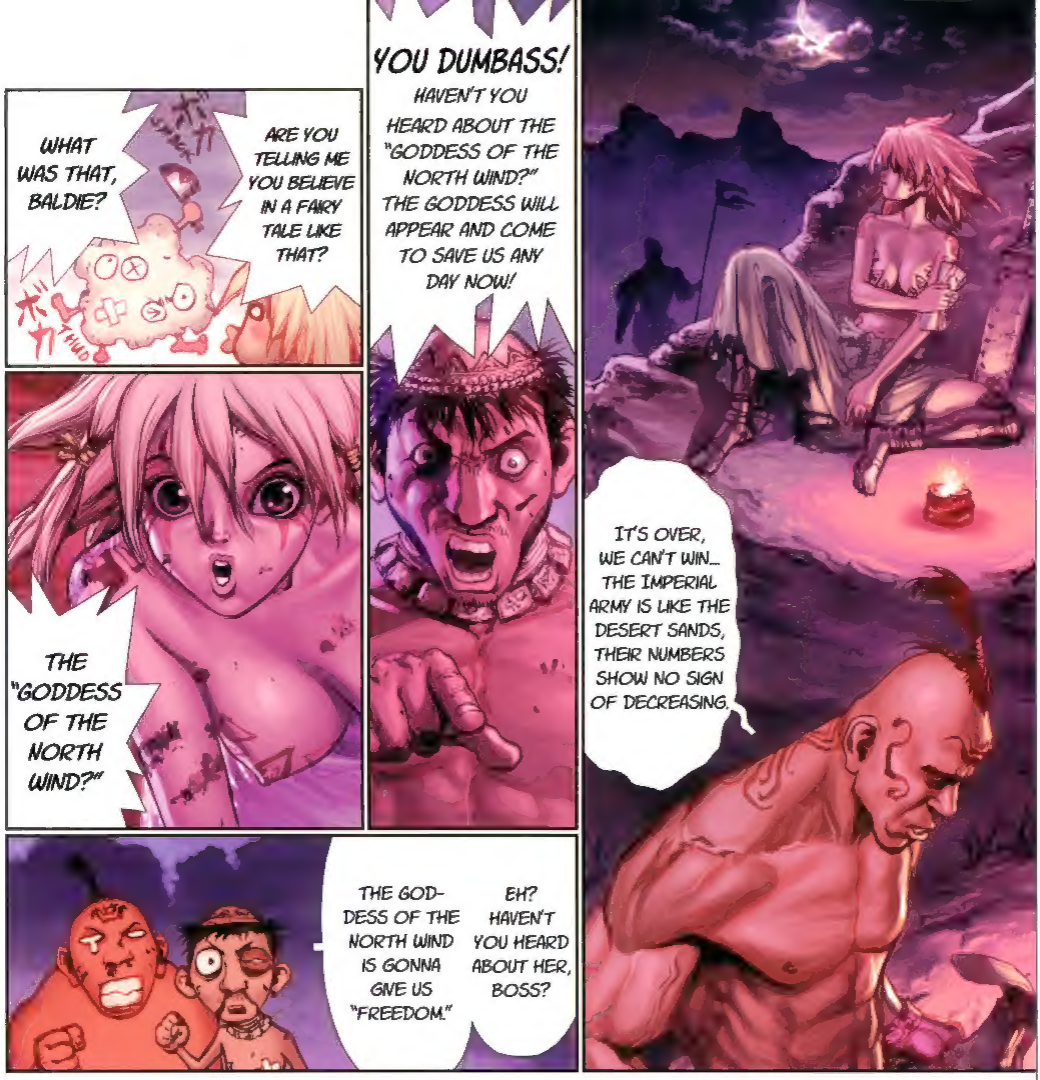

WHEN LILITH TURNED 14 SHE RALLIED THE PEOPLE AND CHALLENGED THE EMPIRE TO BATTLE.
YAA AAA AAA!
SLAY THEM ALL!!

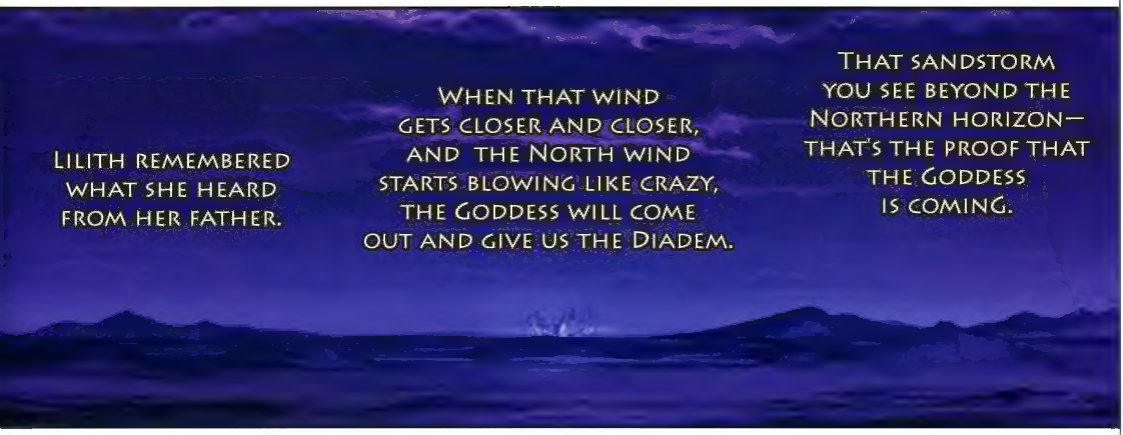
HYA!
BANG
DA DA DA DA DA!
BOOM


NOT EVEN THE ENORMOUS STRENGTH OF THE EMPIRE COULD STOP HER.
LILITH FOUGHT MORE CRUELLY THAN THE CRUEL EMPIRE.


IT WAS A WORLD OF VIOLENCE WHERE MIGHT MADE RIGHT.
HOWEVER, SHE COULD NOT STOP THE EMPIRE'S ATTACKS.


THWUNK


WHAT WAS THAT, BALDIE?
ARE YOU TELLING ME YOU BELIEVE IN A FAIRY TALE LIKE THAT?
YOU DUMBASS! HAVEN'T YOU HEARD ABOUT THE "GODDESS OF THE NORTH WIND?" THE GODDESS WILL APPEAR AND COME TO SAVE US ANY DAY NOW!
THE "GODDESS OF THE NORTH WIND?"
IT'S OVER, WE CAN'T WIN... THE IMPERIAL ARMY IS LIKE THE DESERT SANDS, THEIR NUMBERS SHOW NO SIGN OF DECREASING.
THE GOD-DESS OF THE NORTH WIND IS GONNA GIVE US "FREEDOM."
EH? HAVEN'T YOU HEARD ABOUT HER, BOSS?


Lilith remembered what she heard from her father.
When that wind gets closer and closer, and the North wind starts blowing like crazy, the Goddess will come out and give us the Diadem.
That sandstorm you see beyond the Northern horizon— that's the proof that the Goddess is coming.

AND FROM THAT POINT ON, LILITH FOUGHT BELIEVING THAT THE GODDESS WOULD APPEAR.

B-BOSS!
AAR GH!
GWA!

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THWACK
ドカ
WACK

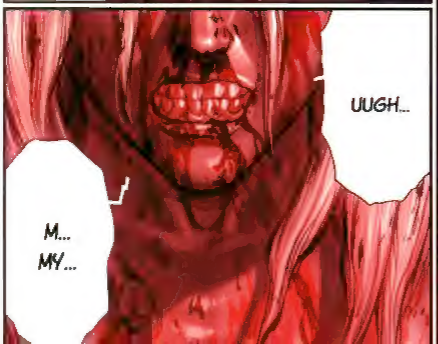
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG

THUD

BAM
FWACK
UGH...
FWAK
AAH
AAAAH
AAAH

BUT YOU CONTINUE CASTING YOURSELF INTO A HOPELESS BATTLE.
YOU HAD, EVEN I WILL ADMIT, GREAT SKILL.
WHY?

HAA
HAA
AAH


UUGH..
M... MY...

EVEN IF YOU DRAIN OUT ALL MY BLOOD, MY HEART WILL NOT STOP BEATING!
BECAUSE "FREEDOM" IS FLOWING THROUGH MY HEART...!!
FATHER...
ズーン
ズーン

BOOM
KABOOM
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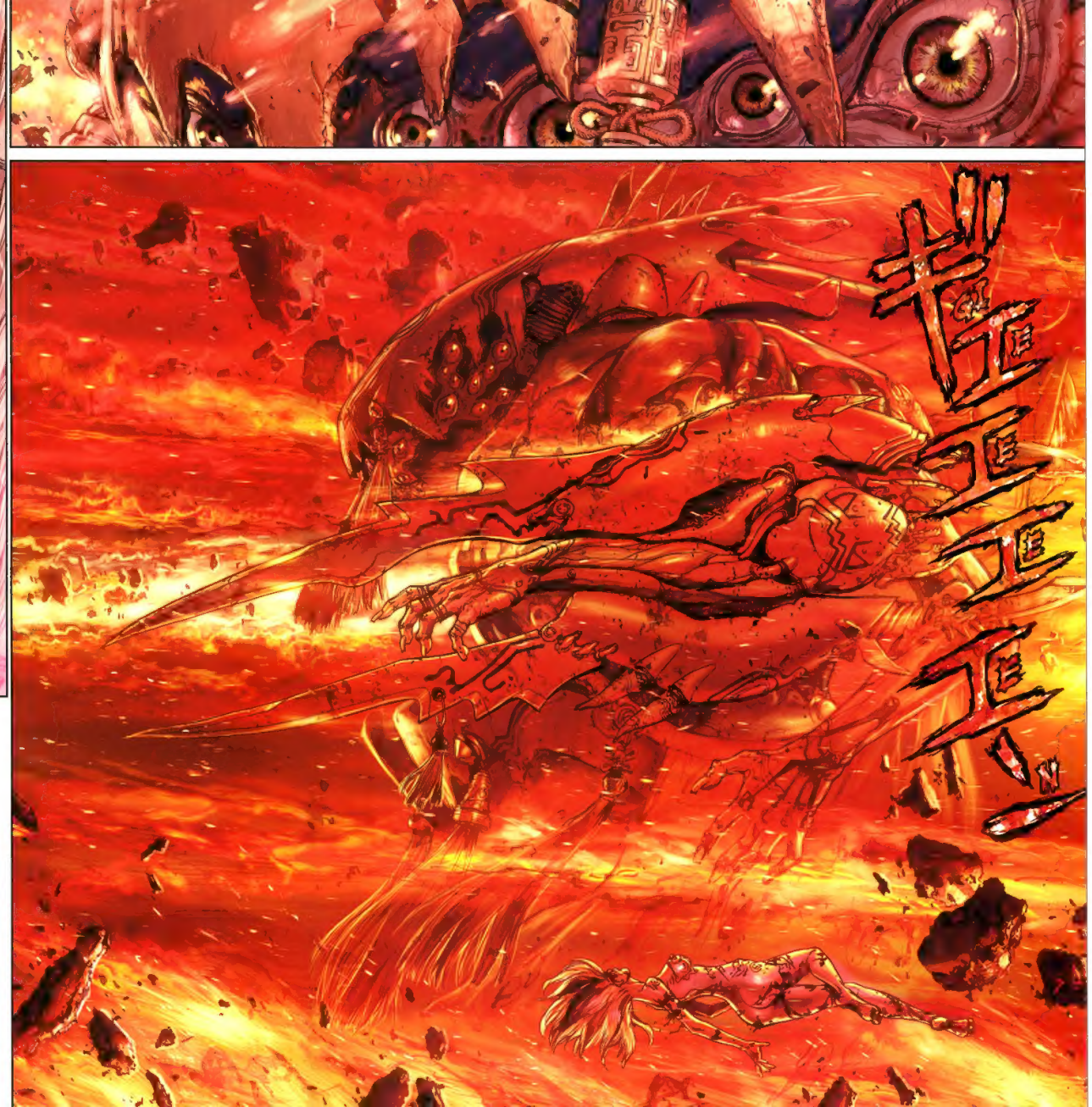
DO
DO
DO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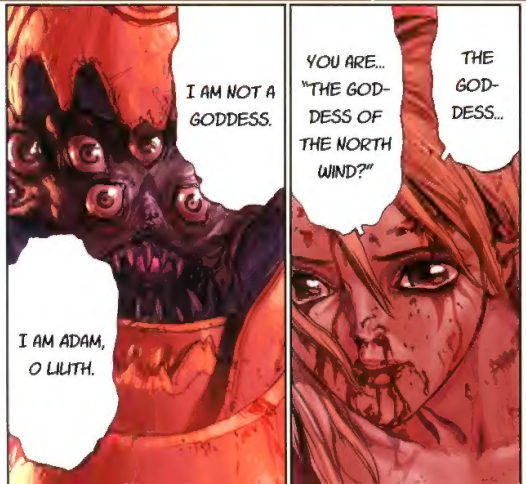
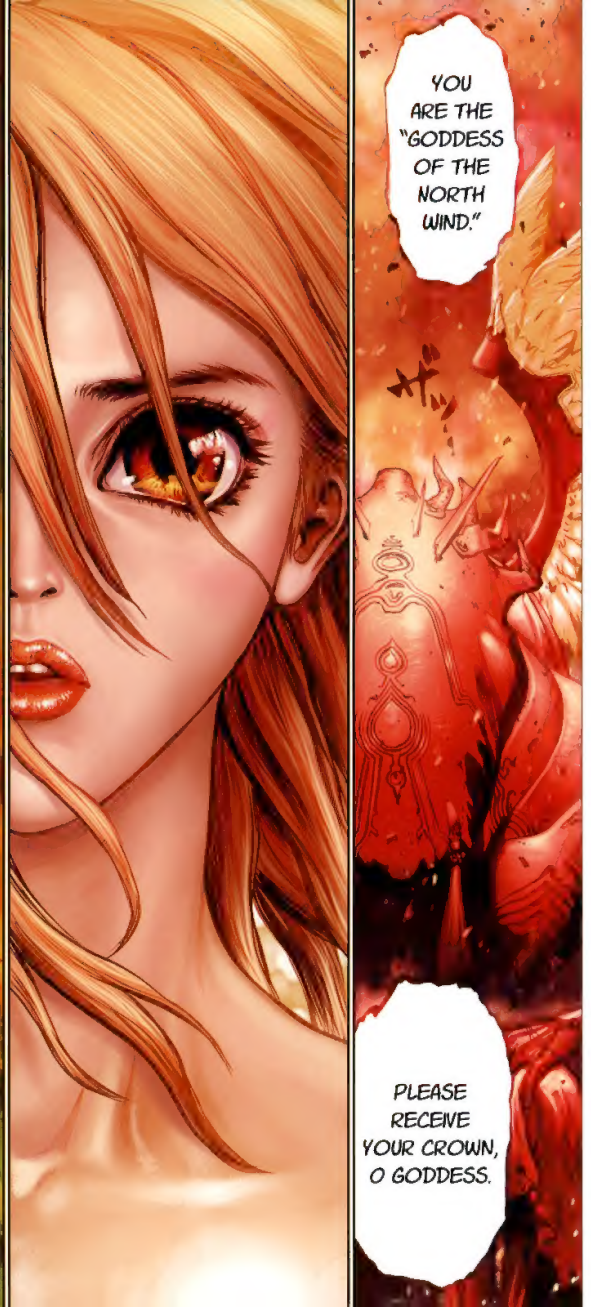
LILITH AWAKENED IN THE MIDST OF A TREMENDOUS MOUNTAIN OF ASH. AN INCREDIBLE TRUTH LAY BEFORE HER EYES.
WHEN THE NORTH WIND BLEW, THE EMPIRE DISAPPEARED ENTIRELY.


I AM ADAM, O LILITH.
I AM NOT A GODDESS.
YOU ARE... "THE GODDESS OF THE NORTH WIND?"
THE GODDESS...


YOU ARE THE "GODDESS OF THE NORTH WIND."
PLEASE RECEIVE YOUR CROWN, O GODDESS.

THE PEOPLE TOLD THIS STORY:
THAT WHEN THE "GODDESS OF THE NORTH WIND" WAS HUMAN, LONG AGO...
IN HER HEART, "FREEDOM," NOT BLOOD, WAS FLOWING.
AND THAT SHE GAVE THE RIGHT TO ALL MEN TO HOLD FREEDOM IN THEIR HEARTS.

『DIADEM』 Boichi END